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1. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR SEVILLE MAYOR FERNANDO DE PARIAS MERRY AND WIFE (TRAVELING AT OWN EXPENSE) TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. JULY 29 ON TWA 901, ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT 1740. EMBASSY UNABLE TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS NEW YORK WASHINGTON. REQUEST DEPARTMENT MAKE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS. CLEARANCE IN ORDER, VPS PROGRAM TO BEGIN JULY 30,

2. DE PARIAS BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: FERNANDO DE PARIAS MEERY

(WIFE MARIA LUISA HALCON ALVAREZ

OSSORIO)

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: SEVILLE [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 19 AUG 2013]

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

PRESENT POSITION MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEVILLE

AND MEMBER OF THE CORTES (SPANISH PARLIAMENT)

HAS TRAVELED TO THE UMS. PREVIOUSLY ON

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SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

LANGUAGES: SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS (TWO WEEK PERIOD ONLY)

INTERESTED IN URBAN PROBLEMS (LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SANITATION, POLLUTION CONTROL, EDUCATION, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL), MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, AND THE U.S. ELECTORAL PROCESS.

REQUESTED ITINEARY/ A) WASHINGTON, D.C. (4)DAYS)

WISHES TO VISIT OLD FRIEND FSO CURTIS CUTTER,

PRESENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR IO/UNP: POSSIBLY MEET WITH MAYOR WALTER WASHINGTON: VISIT CONGRESS (APPOINTMENT WITH SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE) AND SPANISH EMBASSY.

B) NEW ORLEANS (2 DAYS) DE PARIAS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT SPANISH CONSUL THERE ARRANGING PROGRAM.

C) KANSAS CITY (2 DAYS), SINCE SEVILLE AND KANSAS CITY ARE SISTER CITIES, DE PARIAS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITES INCLUDING THE MAYOR IN ORDER TO DISCUSS METHODS WHEREBY PROGRAMS INVOLVING THE TWO CITIES CAN BE EXPANDED. D) SAN FRANCISCO

(2) DAYS E) BOSTON (2 DAYS). VISIT HARVARD

NEW YORK CITY (2 DAYS) MONTREAL (1 DAY)

ALTHOUGH HIS TWO WEEK SCHEDULE WILL BE HEAVY DE

PARAS HAS REQUESTED THAT SOME FREE TIME BE MADE

AVAILABLE FOR SIGHT SEEING AND SHOPPING. HE IS ALSO

INTERESTED IN VISITING ONE OR TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MUSEUMS

ON HIS ROUTE, ATTENDING A CONCERT, AND VISITING

AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS.

THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOTIFIED

THE VARIOUS SPANISH CONSULATES OF HIS TRIP.

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